IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 19th November 2017

Echo Ireland

The position of Editor of Echo Ireland remains unfilled. To ensure continued publication of the Society's journal a volunteer is urgently required. Please contact Gerry EI8CC or Séamus EI8BP.

Contributors and Clubs are reminded that the closing date for receipt of copy for the next edition of Echo Ireland is Friday 24th November. Copy should be sent to "newsteam /at/ irts /dot/ ie" with Echo Ireland in the subject line.

Wild Atlantic Way

As we approach the end of the Wild Atlantic Way initiative to promote Amateur Radio, the number of requests to the WAW QSL manager has increased significantly especially for Leitrim EI22WAW, Sligo EI33WAW, Mayo EI44WAW and Galway EI55WAW. Help from licenced individuals and clubs, operating in EI, to increase the number of QSOs will be very much appreciated - so please contact the co-ordinators for those call signs. For more information checkout the IRTS web site at www.irts.ie and from the activities menu on the top of the page, choose "Wild Atlantic Way", where you will find the list of co-ordinators under Wild Atlantic Way - Operators Wanted.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

A reminder that the November meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday night the 27th of November at 8.00 p.m. sharp. As this will be the last meeting of the group for 2017 all members are asked to attend. At this meeting John EI3HQB will be doing a show and tell on his recently built homebrew telescopic tilt over tower. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio or the group are as always very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website <u>www.searg.ie</u> and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

Wexford Wireless Club EI2WWC

On Wednesday 22nd of November Keith EI5KJ will give a talk and a small demonstration about working Amateur Radio Satellites titled "Satellites made simple!" at the club meeting at 20:30 sharp, all club members or anyone interested are asked to attend.

Wexford Wireless Club hold weekly meetings every Wednesday evening from 20:00 to 22:00 in Gorey Scout Group Hall just off Esmonde Street in Gorey, Co. Wexford, everyone is as always very welcome

For more information about the club please contact the club secretary Michael Fitzgerald EI9GGB at QTHR or by dropping an email to "Wexfordwirelessclub /at/live /dot/ ie"

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club will hold the first of their planned mentoring sessions for people studying for the radio amateur examination on Saturday December 2nd in Carrigtwohill Community Centre with an 11am start. One to one tutoring will be provided and it would be helpful if intending attendees would book their place in advance. Lunch will be available on site.

The club are planning a pre-Christmas dinner in early December and expressions of interest are being sought before a venue can be decided. This will be an opportunity for long suffering XYLs to have their annual reunion.

The next club meeting will be held on Wednesday December 13th at the usual venue in Carrigtwohill. Jim EI8GS will show some videos from his extensive collection covering both recent and historical events.

Contact details for any of the above events are via email to "info /at/ corkradioclub /dot/ ie" or by telephone to 087-6290574

EIDX

The EIDX Group (who brought you 9N7EI earlier this year) are delighted to announce

their next DXpedition for 2018. A team of 14 operators will be QRV for 2 consecutive weekends from March 21st to April 3rd also taking in the WPX SSB contest.

The team have carefully selected an ideal location on the shores of lake Malawi and will be QRV as 7Q7EI on all bands from 160m through 10m, SSB, CW and RTTY. They are delighted to announce that their website is now up and running and can be visited at www.7q7ei.com, so please visit their site from time to time as they will try to keep it as up-to-date as possible.

DX News

Tom KCOW is now QRV from Vietnam as 3W9CW. His location is Con Son Island and the IOTA reference is AS-130. He will be there until the end of November and will be found on CW and FT8. QSL to his home callsign.

Nick G3RWF, currently the President of RSGB, will be making a return visit to Uganda from 20th – 30th November. As usual he will use his 5X1NH callsign and be active in the CQ WW CW Contest. QSL to Club Log OQRS.

Rob DL7VOA will be operating holiday-style from Belize as V34AO until the end of the month. His main mode is CW and he hopes to be QRV on all bands 160 – 10m.

A group of Slovenian amateurs will take part in the CQ WW CW Contest during the weekend 25th – 26th November. They will use the callsign 9G5W and plan to be in Ghana from 20th – 29th November. They will concentrate on low band activity outside the contest. QSL to S59ZZ.

Members of the Voodoo Contest Group will be in Suriname as PZ5V from 19th – 28th November and will be very active in the CQ WW CW Contest. QSL via M0URX OQRS.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

[C]